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### Bridge work on Illinois 29 over Flat Branch Creek near Taylorville to begin March 1

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the reconstruction of the bridge over Flat Bridge Creek on Illinois 29, just southeast of Taylorville, begins on March 1. This \$5.6 million project is scheduled to continue through December.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane, and temporary signals and barriers will assist with traffic control in the project area. The lane closures are necessary to remove the existing structure, build new abutments and piers, install new structural steel and pour a new concrete deck. The benefits of this project will include widening the bridge deck from 36 feet to 43 feet and increasing the longevity of this corridor by replacing the bridge.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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